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MEDIA ADVISORY

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CITY ATTORNEY NEWS BRIEFING

City Attorney Michael Aguirre will brief news reporters on the following matters:

1.
VALET PERMIT PARKING SIGNS IN BALBOA PARK VIOLATE CITY CHARTER AND MUNICIPAL CODE

The City Attorney's Office has sent another letter to the City's Park & Recreation Department informing the Director that the current designation and reservation of 80 parking spaces in the Alcazar Parking Lot in Balboa Park for valet parking violates San Diego City Charter section 55 and the City's Municipal Code--use of dedicated parkland for valet parking "removes a portion of the public parking lot from use by the general public." The City Attorney's memorandum advises the Park's director to "immediately cease the illegal practice of reserving dedicated City parkland for such private use, and to remove all signage that furthers that purpose." To view the memorandum, visit the City Attorney's website, www.sandiegocityattorney.org, click "Significant Reports and Legal Documents."

2.
U.S. SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC) LETTER TO CITY

The SEC sent a letter on July 23, 2007, regarding its November 14, 2006 Cease-and-Desist Order against the City for violations of federal securities laws in connection with the offer and sale of over \$260 million in municipal bonds in 2002 and 2003. The Order requires an Initial Report from the City's Independent Consultant. The City's report was submitted, but the SEC is seeking more concrete recommendations and deadlines. The SEC letter states that "given the short amount of time and the complex nature of the City's issues, the Initial Report contained few recommendations and did not include deadlines for implementation of the recommendations." To view the letter visit, www.sandiegocityattorney.org, click "Significant Reports and Legal Documents."

3.
ORANGE COUNTY SEEKS TO RESCIND RETROACTIVE PENSION BENEFIT INCREASES

Orange County Supervisor John M.W. Moirlach is seeking to rescind retroactive pension benefit increases that were granted to Orange County Deputy Sheriffs because the increases violate California's debt limitation provisions--no funding was provided. Supervisor Moirlach is using the same legal argument City Attorney Aguirre is using in the City of San Diego's pension case. To view Moirlach's letter, visit www.sandiegocityattorney.org, click "Significant Reports and Legal Documents."

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4.

NEWS MEDIA INVITED TO A DIALOGUE WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY ON CITY'S GROWING PENSION DEBT

News media is invited to a dialogue with the City Attorney on the City's growing pension debt, misrepresentations of specific court cases, and current status:
Wednesday, August 1, noon-1:00 p.m., City Attorney's Office,
1200 Third Avenue, Suite 1620, downtown San Diego

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